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Maple Leaf Tulips will be showing our Pride

The Canada 150 tulip, also known as the, Maple Leaf tulip, is the official tulip of Canada's 150th anniversary and was unveiled May 9, 2016 in Commissioners Park by Dows Lake in Ottawa.

This tulip features vertical red and white markings that are reminiscent of the Eternal Flame on Parliament Hill.

During the sesquicentennial celebrations this spring, 300,000 ***Canada 150*** tulips will be showcased in the National Capital Commission's flower beds, and thousands more will bloom in community gardens across Canada.

Irondale will be one of those communities sporting the Maple Leaf tulip. 500 of these tulips are planted along the fence line on Elm Rd in Irondale. The community's Canadian pride will be very evident when these bulbs flower. Be sure to take some pictures. Your photo could be used in an upcoming issue of this publication.

"Tulips are a symbol of springtime, rebirth and promises, which make them a powerful symbol in the lead up to the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday," said MP David McGuinty, representing Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly.

The first tulip beds in the Capital were planted in 1945, when the Netherlands sent 100,000 tulip bulbs as a postwar gift in gratitude for the role that Canadian soldiers had played in the liberation of the Netherlands.

The tulip represents the longstanding friendship and gratitude between Canada and the Netherlands. Blooming in the colours of Canada's flag, Canada 150 tulips will bring both pride and joy to gardens and communities from coast to coast," added Cees Kole, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Tulip history -

In May of 1940, following the Nazi Invasion of the Netherlands, Queen Wilhelmina and the Dutch Royal Family were spirited out of the country to rule in exile from the United Kingdom. The following month, Princess Juliana brought daughters Princess Beatrix and Princess Irene to the safe harbour of Canada, arriving by ship in Halifax before proceeding to Ottawa, where mother and children were housed at Stornoway — now the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition.

January 19, 1943, while in exile in Canada, Princess Juliana gave birth to daughter Princess Margriet at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, which was temporarily declared extraterritorial by the Government of Canada, to ensure the princess would hold exclusively Dutch, rather than dual nationality. (The latter would have affected her status in the line of succession for the Dutch throne; Princess Margriet remains the only royal personage ever to be born within North America.) At the news of the princess's birth, the Dutch flag was flown atop the Peace Tower and Dutch music rang out from its carillon. Overseas, the princess's birth was seen by the Dutch as an important symbol of hope and source of inspiration.

May 2, 1945, following five years in exile in Canada, Princess Juliana and her children were reunited with Queen Wilhelmina in the liberated part of the Netherlands. As a show of gratitude

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How to start Genealogy Research

How do you get going with this fascinating hobby to build a family tree?

Write down what you know, starting with yourself. When and where were you born? Do you have your birth certificate? Then work backwards: do you have your parents' marriage certificate? If not, and your parents are still alive, ask where they were married, by whom, when, who the witnesses were. Talk to all your relatives to ask what they know about their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Start soon because they won't be around for ever and memories can fade over time. Then you can start to "prove" the things you have been told by looking at census information and other records.

The Archives of Ontario *www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/index.aspx* has indexes on-line of births 1869-1917, marriages 1869-1932 and deaths 1869-1942. All libraries in Haliburton County have high-speed internet and free access to *www.ancestry.com* where these actual records can be seen on-line. Otherwise a paid subscription to Ancestry can be purchased to look at these records at home, if you have high-speed internet access, otherwise it tends to be too slow.

Canadian census data can be found on-line at Library & Archives Canada *www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng* for 1871 and then every 10 years until 1911. Some earlier data is available (but not complete) and the 1921 census is available from *www.ancestry.com*. Census data for England, Ireland, Scotland and other countries is available on-line as well.

Locally - the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group, based in Minden, is available to help you get started. A volunteer can meet with you at the HHGG Resource Room (located inside the Minden Library) to give you some ideas on how to fill in missing information or point you in some helpful directions. To make an appointment contact Gail at 705-286-2225 or email hhggroup@gmail.com. Want an idea what resources they have or learn more about the group?
- check out their website *www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onhhgg*

Beware - genealogy is addictive! At the beginning, it goes fast and you learn a lot a new things; then it slows down as new information becomes harder to find.

Submitted by Gail Leach-Wunker, HHGG Chair & Editor of *Original Roots*

"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage — to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness." — Alex Haley

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Dorothy A. McElwain - January 6, 2017
Allan Swain - January 31, 2017
Rev. Arnold Hancock - February 2, 2017
Michael 'Mike' Bunn - March 19, 2017

The Creator has called you home.
Like a bird you will soar to his arms to live forever
without pain or worry. Till we meet again.

Glen Swanton has been missing since January 17, 2017

Congratulations to the hardworking creative folks who are the **Bark Lake Cultural Developments** group for providing the Across Canada Dinner program.

Across Canada Dinner

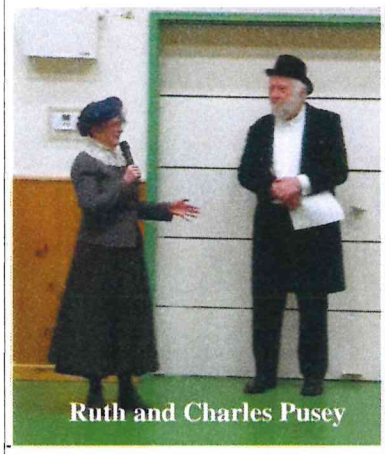
It was on the evening of Feb. 18 in Gooderham at the Robert MacCausland Memorial Centre. The dinner, which included foods that represented various parts of Canada, was delicious and plentiful.

The evening included a penny raffle, draws and a delightful quiz about various Canadian sites and events. Loved the giant picturesque wall maps that actually had all the quiz answers for those willing to go up and find them.

The evening was topped off with four well-costumed characters telling some of the early history of the area. They were Irondale founder Charles Pusey and his wife Ruth, along with a hard working stern school teacher and an industrious Peter Barr who farmed., ran a store as well as being the local undertaker.

This very well attended event was greatly enjoyed. Thanks for a fine evening celebrating local history.

Copied with permission - as written by Hilda Clark for the Wilberforce Community News article - in the March 7, 2017 issue of The Haliburton County Echo.


Ruth and Charles Pusey

Miss Lewis

Mr. Peter Barr

Special Thanks to
- Linda Code for her excellent idea, trivia contest, wall & table décor.
- all volunteers that cooked, bartended, ran contests and cleaned up.

Thank you to all
that came out and
enjoyed the evening.

Linda Code

Sweetgrass

Experiments reveal how the chemicals in Sweetgrass oil match the repelling effectiveness of the common ingredient in insect sprays like Off! The findings come from studies of traditional therapies in Native American tribes.

Sweetgrass is one of the sacred plants traditionally used in Native American culture as incense in ritual purifications. Natives have always known that its fragrance kept biting bugs away, and they often covered themselves and their homes in the plant.

"Folk remedies have provided us with good leads in the search for new insect repellents." Basketweavers have used Sweetgrass for their craft. They don't find this information new. They will tell you the bugs don't bother them when they pull the plants.

Many Native tribes in North America use Sweetgrass in prayer, smudging or purifying ceremonies and consider it a sacred plant. It is usually braided, dried, and burned. Sweetgrass braids smolder and does not produce an open flame when burned. Just as the sweet scent of this natural grass is attractive and pleasing to people, so is it attractive to good spirits. Sweetgrass is often burned at the beginning of a prayer or ceremony to attract positive energies.

Sweetgrass is traditionally used after the sage or cedar has driven out negative influences. Sweetgrass brings in the good influences and spirits. It can also be used to purify sacred objects. To Native Americans, Sweetgrass is a holy herb.

The elders tell us that "Sweet Grass is the hair of our Mother, each strand alone is not as strong as when braided together." The braid represents to us the great strength a united tribe has opposed to a divided one.

"We have a lot of respect for Sweetgrass. When harvesting this medicine we never take more than 1/10 of what is there and never pull it out by the roots. We always pick at the right time of the year so that the plant can always grow back. Medicine is only taken at certain times of the year. Collecting medicines is a long complicated process. It mustn't be done haphazardly. Great care must be taken in harvesting, the delicate roots are easily disturbed during the harvest process."

Information gleaned from a story found in the OMFRC - Newsletter February 2017 and canadaguide.webs.com/canadiansweetgrass.htm

Birthdays we have celebrated at Glenda's monthly Potluck's

Glenda Simmons decorates the hall each month, prepares a ham and scalloped potatoes and invites the village to bring a dish and enjoy each other's company over a meal. The meal is different every time. Appetizers, salads, meat and/or pasta dishes as well as vegetables. Desserts are the highlight — always several to choose from as well as the birthday cake and ice cream. ***Laughter is the best medicine*** - sure lots of it at the potlucks.

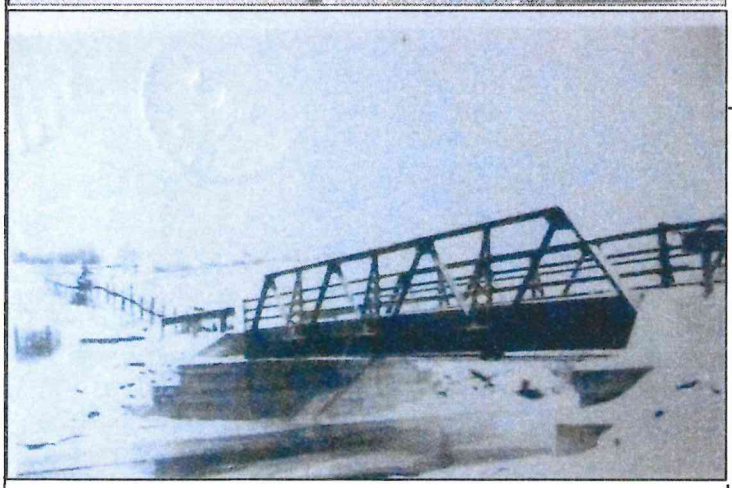
From the Archives ....

Each issue will include a picture from the 'good ole days'.

Submissions are gladly accepted — digital or loaned.
Email the editor historical@IrondaleOntario.ca

Following on the story & photos of the new bridge at Maxwells Crossing I came across two postcards as shown below. The comments were on the back side of the cards.

Excavating for Concrete Piers of Maxwell's Bridge, Irondale 1912, Water 3 1/2 feet deep



Kinmount, Jan 8:13 Dear Sir, I send you a picture of Maxwell's Bridge Burnt River near Irondale.
Yours truly, A Train

Postcard was addressed to A.J. Halford Esq, Eng(?) Public Wks, Parliament Buildings, Toronto

What's For Supper? Or, Is It Dinner?

Depending upon where you travel, different people have different names for the same meal. In some places, daily meals consist of breakfast, supper and dinner. In other, folks might eat breakfast, dinner and then supper. Then again, it might be breakfast, lunch and dinner - or maybe breakfast, lunch and supper.

Complicated as it may be, the trick to understanding it all depends upon when you're eating, what you're eating and sometimes, most importantly, where you're eating.

Traditionally, a "dinner" is the mail meal of the day. "Supper" refers to a lighter, usually less formal meal. So, a big Sunday dinner might be eaten in the afternoon with a smaller meal enjoyed at the end of the day. Other times, you might eat a light supper during the day and enjoy a big dinner at the end.

To confuse matters (if you're not confused already), in some areas of the country, folks eat lunch during the day and use dinner and supper to mean the same thing, regardless of when or what type of meal they're enjoying.

The only way to get around it all seems to be this: when you travel, follow the local custom, be a nice guest, abide by your host's wishes, and, above all, always enjoy your meal - no matter when you may be eating.

Taken from an old copy of The Almanac—Old Country Store

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~ Irondale 2017 Calendar of Events ~

PLEASE hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

Sat. April 8	Fish 'N Fowl Feast, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm - fish, turkey, potatoes, veggies & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. $20 pp
Sun. April 16	Easter
Sat. May 27	Absolute Comedy - held at the Kinmount Legion Hall, evening of stand up comedians - $25 pp Cash Bar available
Sat. June 17	Highlands Food & Beverage Showcase - Outdoor event - Wintergreen Pancake Barn, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden Noon to 4pm
Sat. July 15	Wild Game Dinner & Auction. Doors open 5pm, Buffet 6pm. Loonie auction action follows dessert. $20 per person.
Sat. July 29 Sun. July 30	Irondale's Ball Tournament. Teams vie for the coveted trophy & prizes. Great fun for the whole family.
Sat. Aug 26	Concert? At the Irondale Church. Stay tuned
Sat. Sept 23	Family Harvest Festival - 11am to 4pm. Vendors, Food, Prizes, Games, Displays, Tours - 1019 Elm Rd
Sun. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving Service - 7pm - Irondale Church. Join us between your main course and dessert for the traditional service of thanks. You will feel better for it!
Sat. Nov 11	Hunter's Dinner served at the Irondale Community Centre, offered from 5pm while supplies last. $15 per person
Mon. Dec 25	Christmas Day !

We strive to keep our events as planned.
Check our website for details.
www.IrondaleOntario.ca

Tickets to events can be purchased online through the website, text/call 705-457-8438 or email historical@IrondaleOntario.ca

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This story first appeared in Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers Association newsletter dated October 26, 1994

Some time ago we included a story of the first cottage on the lake – currently occupied by Betty and Art Stephen's daughter Judy and her family.

The second cottage to be built on the lake was across from Stephen's but a half mile or so east. This was erected by George Stevenson sometime in 1930, or before as the deed to the land is dated May 6th, 1930, to George Stevenson and signed by Wilfred and Emma Hancock at the township of Snowdon, village of Gelert, witnessed by Bertha Helena McElwain "housewife".

The cottage was built by Hancock – three bedroom with kitchen, complete with woodstove, all for the grand sum of $500. A front porch was added 6 to 8 years later. In 1940 an ice house was built to hold the ice cut from the lake each winter by Hancock's and buried in sawdust taken from the sawmill at the foot of the lake, near where Bea Hancock's house now stands.

From Toronto, it took 5 ½ to 6 hours on mostly single lane dirt roads to get to the foot of the lake, then by rowboat to the cottage – sometimes as many as 4 round trips. Access by road came 25 or so years later. Hydro came in 1957, prior to that it was mainly propane and oil. George Hancock delivered milk each morning by boat. Other supplies were obtained from Proctor's General Store on the old road near the old school house.

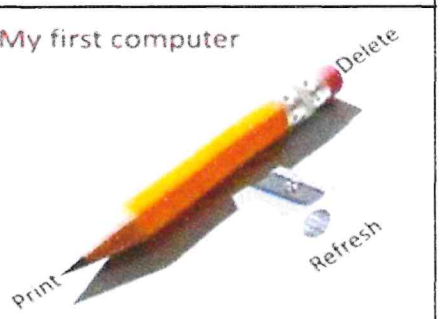
An opportunity came up to purchase ½ the length of the opposite shoreline for $500. George refused the offer because as he said "who in their right mind would ever come up here".

The cottage is still in the family, 64 years later and is presently occupied by his grandsons - Ted and his wife Louise Stevenson and three children – along with John and his wife Gail and their son Michael. His granddaughter Florence and her husband Roy Landry and two children have moved up the road to their new cottage. One of Florence and Roy's sons, Kevin, now reside in the cottage formerly owned by Steve and Blanche Hancock.

Somewhat connected to this is a story about people located in Irondale in the vicinity of Art Stephen's cottage – the first on the lake – were members of an exclusive camp, on the roof which was painted in red letters the words "Irondale Purity Camp". No one seems to know what this name denotes or who the members were but it its thought that George Stevenson and Art Stephens may have been members. Perhaps someone can add to this story.

We wish to thank Florence and John for their input to the above.

Signed Bruce Strachan



Mail Order Catalogue shopping was big in Newfoundland & Labrador in the days before running water, during those times a lady sent a dollar to the T. Eaton Co., with a letter that read, "Enclosed is a dollar, please send me some toilet paper."

She received a letter back from the mail order company that read: "We are unable to fill your order at this time as you failed to include the catalogue number for the toilet paper you require. Please look up the number in your catalogue, forward it to us and we will gladly fill your order."

The next letter the T. Eaton Company received from the lady read; "If I had a catalogue I wouldn't have ordered the toilet paper in the first place."

Taken from 'Downhome Memories' available at shopdownhome.com

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for her stay in Canada, and for Canadian soldiers' role in the liberation of her homeland, Princess Juliana presented to the people of Canada a number of gifts, including 100,000 tulip bulbs. The following year, an additional 20,500 bulbs were received in Canada, with a request to plant them on the grounds of the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

Juliana, became Queen of the Netherlands in 1948, continued to send a gift of thousands of tulip bulbs to Canada each year during her reign, which ended with her abdication in April 1980 and the beginning of the reign of Queen Beatrix.

Information taken from many internet sites.... a couple being www.tulipfestival.ca, wikipedia.org